

**IC 21-14-4**

## Chapter 4. Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans

**IC 21-14-4-1****Applicability**

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following persons:

- (1) A person who:
  - (A) is a pupil at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home;
  - (B) was admitted to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home because the person was related to a member of the armed forces of the United States;
  - (C) is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state educational institution the person will attend as determined by the institution; and
  - (D) possesses the requisite academic qualifications.
- (2) A person:
  - (A) whose mother or father:
    - (i) served in the armed forces of the United States;
    - (ii) received the Purple Heart decoration or was wounded as a result of enemy action; and
    - (iii) received a discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge;
  - (B) who is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state educational institution the person will attend as determined by the institution; and
  - (C) who possesses the requisite academic qualifications.
- (3) A person:
  - (A) whose mother or father:
    - (i) served in the armed forces of the United States during a war or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a service or campaign medal of the United States;
    - (ii) suffered a service connected death or disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and
    - (iii) received any discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge;
  - (B) who is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state educational institution the person will attend, as determined by the institution; and
  - (C) who possesses the requisite academic qualifications.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

**IC 21-14-4-2****Eligibility**

Sec. 2. An eligible applicant is entitled to enter, remain, and receive instruction in a state educational institution upon the same conditions, qualifications, and regulations prescribed for other applicants for admission to or scholars in the state educational institutions, without the payment of any educational costs for one

hundred twenty-four (124) semester credit hours in the state educational institution.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

#### **IC 21-14-4-3**

##### **Purpose**

Sec. 3. For purposes of this chapter, the commission for higher education shall define mandatory fees that qualify as educational costs in consultation with the commission.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

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##### **Payment of incidental expenses**

Sec. 4. If an eligible applicant:

- (1) is permitted to matriculate in the state educational institution;
- (2) qualifies under this chapter; and
- (3) has earned or has been awarded a cash scholarship that is paid or payable to a state educational institution, from any source;

the amount paid shall be applied to the credit of the eligible applicant in the payment of incidental expenses of the eligible applicant's attendance at the state educational institution. The balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, must be returned to the eligible applicant.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

#### **IC 21-14-4-5**

##### **Determination of eligibility**

Sec. 5. Determination of eligibility for higher education benefits authorized under this chapter is vested exclusively in the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. Any applicant for benefits under this chapter may make a written request for a determination of eligibility by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. The director or deputy director of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs shall make a written determination of eligibility in response to each request. In determining the amount of an applicant's benefit, the commission shall consider other higher education financial assistance in conformity with this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

#### **IC 21-14-4-6**

##### **Appeals**

Sec. 6. An appeal from an adverse determination under section 5 of this chapter must be made in writing to the veterans' affairs commission not more than fifteen (15) working days following the applicant's receipt of the determination. A final order must be made by a simple majority of the veterans' affairs commission not more than fifteen (15) days following receipt of the written appeal.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

**IC 21-14-4-7****Violation**

Sec. 7. A person who knowingly or intentionally submits a false or misleading application or other document under this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*

**IC 21-14-4-8****Amount of benefits**

Sec. 8. The amount of the benefits under this chapter is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:

(1) If the applicant does not receive financial assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the amount determined under sections 2 through 6 of this chapter.

(2) If the applicant receives financial assistance specifically designated for educational costs:

(A) the amount determined under sections 2 through 6 of this chapter; minus

(B) the financial assistance specifically designated for educational costs.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.*